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the following particulars about existing radio system in Soviet Lithuania: 50X1-HUM

(a) In Wilno a civilian radio station for local reception is in operation. Besides local news the programme of this station is mostly based on information and material from Radio Moscow. The reception is mainly organized through 'trans uzly', i.e. collective reception stations.

(b) A special radio station had been constructed in 1949 in the locality Raudodvaris (Red Mansion) for transmitting communist propaganda to foreign (Western) countries. The programmes are directed mainly to Scandinavia and Western-Germany. This is the strongest radio station in the Central-Baltic area. It was built by German POWs, the power station, workshops, military barracks, etc. were all built within the compound, so-called 'Radio Gorodok' (Radio town), which has its own canteens, shopping center, movie theatre and living quarters for its approximately 400 employees. The staff is entirely Russian, Lithuanians are prohibited to enter the area.

(c) In the locality Islauzas, in the vicinity of Prena in the Kaunas district, a powerful radio station started operating in the middle of 1950. This station, which is under the direction and supervision of the Saugumo Ministelja (MGB) is used also for monitoring.

(d) Since about June 15, 1951, in view of the recently started Baltic broadcasts of the VOA, the Prena monitoring station increased its staff by some additional 200 people. Special mobile units of the monitoring station are equipped with receiving sets, with which they are establishing the listening conditions for British and American broadcasts in various parts of the country.

(e) Special 'Berga' jamming stations have been installed during the month of May in the Southern and Western parts of the country, between Stara Wilejka, Wilno, Lida, Volkovysk, Pinsk, Grodno and Tylza (Tilsit)."

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2.

[redacted] the following details about the Communist monitoring system of western broadcasts:

- (a) "the Czechoslovak radio system has a special monitoring branch in Praha-Smichov. The principal task of this section is to listen VOA and BBC broadcasts day and night to take down the texts of the programs in shorthand. These 'minutes' are being submitted with a report next morning at 8 a.m. to the Soviet section of the Ministry of Information, located at 3 Stalinova (formerly Foch) Street. There the programs are being carefully studied and evaluated and an ~~extract~~ prepared for the Government every day.
- (b) A certain Yegorov, a Russian national, is in charge of these operations. He was formerly an interpreter [redacted] in Prague, but served at the same time as an agent of the Czechoslovak Secret Service and made regular reports to them about the happenings [redacted]. Since early 1950 he is working at the Soviet section of the Ministry of Information. Yegorov's immediate superior is an old Russian emigrant, Dovzenko, a member of the Czechoslovak Communist Party. The latter is an art painter, but now he is in charge of all technical matters in that section. However, the principal figure in this office is Yegorov, who while being an employee of the Czechoslovak Government and has to submit his report to the superior Czechoslovak offices, seems also to cooperate with the Soviets directly. It is for instance known that he turns over part of his reports directly to Sorokin, Chief of the Soviet Information Bureau in Prague. Whether he does this with the concurrence of his Czechoslovak superiors is not known, but many signs indicate that they are not aware of this."

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